

Brushy Creek Trail Advisory Board
April 28, 2015

The Brushy Creek Trail Advisory Board met April 28, 2015. Attending, Amber O'Neill, Greg Van Fosson, Pat Reed, Beth Aswegan, Linda Jenny, Brian Gruver, Chris Canon, and Erin Ford. Visiting were Janet Thompson and Abby Canon.

Pat Reed started the meeting with introductions and a welcome to the new directors.

Pat Reed asked for a review and approval of minutes of July 24, 2014. The minutes stand approved as read.

Greg Van Fosson gave an update of Iowa DNR. The next fiscal year budget is in the process of being approved.

Regionally the Parks to People program is making a circuit of Iowa. People attending are asked to make suggestions for park improvements. Angela Corio is working on state park recreational use plans, what facilities would like to make improvements as funding is available.

May 2, the annual State Friends Group meeting will be held at Lake Ahquabi.

Greg and Amber presented the Park updates.

The construction of cabins has been pulled from the project plan, due to design complications. The constructions of cabins have had bids out of acceptable range and there are code constrictions to the design.

Phase 2 of beach construction will continue in May. The parking lot and new road has been paved.

Construction of the restroom, picnic cabanas, and shelter are scheduled. The Beach will be closed for the summer. The concession building funding has been pulled from the budget.

23 equestrian camping sites have had the hitching rails improved with 3/16 limestone rock at the price of \$1700. Improvement of hitching rail surface will continue as funds are available. Both equine horse campgrounds have bunkers for manure removal. Pit toilets have been added to the south campground and the beach campground. The bridge over Brushy Creek at the base of the spillway was installed at the end of November 2014.

The rest of the trail extension around the north campground will not be rocked until the terrace has been completed. Dead trees have been removed from the North campground. Tree plantings are needed in the campgrounds to replace the loss of shade trees.

Volunteer work days are to be planned later in the summer.

It has been requested that hitching rails be added in the same area that has become a half-way point picnic/stopping area on the lake trail, north of 260th on the east side. Hitching rails are needed near the boat ramp restrooms. An archeology review will be required before hitching rails are installed, An archeology review will also be required before new trails are approved.

Erin Ford gave a review of planned activities at Brushy Creek. A CacheInTrashOut event was held April 27. May 16 will be Kids to Parks day. Events will be scheduled for Campground Days, No Women Left Inside, lake trips with kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards, and moonlight canoeing. Forever Shooting Sports will be held the second Tuesday of the months May through October. There is hope to create a shooting club. A kids fishing derby is held June 6th.

Next BCTAB meeting scheduled, July 16, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 7:51

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Aswegan